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3 seats on VB School Board to be filled in Nov. 6 election

By Rosemary K. Oztman
 Independent Editor

Three seats on the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education are to be filled in the Nov. 6 General Election.

Candidates who wish to run for the four-year positions must file their affidavits of identity and a non-partisan nominating petition at the Van Buren Township Clerk's office by 4 p.m., July 24. The petitions should have a minimum of 40 signatures and a maximum of 100.

A \$100 non-refundable fee may be filed in lieu of a petition. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4 p.m. on July 27.

Write-in candidates for the school board who wish to seek office in the Nov. 6 General Election need to file by 4 p.m., Oct. 26.

Seats on the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education that will be filled in the election currently are held by Allison Bennett, Kevin English, and Darlene Loyer Gerick.

Lincoln Consolidated School candidates who wish to seek office in the Nov. 6 General Election should contact Washtenaw County Election Division at (734) 222-6730 for filing instructions.

Library Board

Deadline to file for a seat on the Belleville Area District Library Board in the Nov. 6 General Election is 4 p.m., July 19, at the Wayne County Clerk's office.

The four seats to be filled now are held by Lachelle Reed Caver, Mary Jane Dawson, Sharon Peters, and Tanya Stoudemire.

Residents of the City of Belleville and townships of Van Buren and Sumpter who wish to seek a seat on the board must file an affidavit of identity and a nominating petition with the Wayne County Clerk's office. The petitions should have a minimum of 40 signatures and a maximum of 100. A \$100 non-refundable fee may be filed instead of a petition.

Non-partisan petition forms are available at the clerks' offices in Van Buren Township, Sumpter Township, and the City of Belleville.

Precinct Delegates

Candidates for county convention delegates (precinct delegates) had to file an affidavit of identity for the Aug. 7 election by May 11. Write-in candidates who seek precinct delegate positions must file Declaration of Intent forms with the clerk's office for the Aug. 7 primary election by 4 p.m., Aug. 3.

Write-in candidates may also file a Precinct Delegate Write-in Candidate Declaration of Intent on election day, with the board of election inspectors at the precinct in which they are a registered voter any time prior to the close of the polls. The signature on the affidavit of identity must be witnessed by the chairperson at the precinct if not already notarized.

Editor's Note: Thank you to Van Buren Township Deputy Clerk Joanne Montgomery for information on the election filing requirements.

League of Women Voters sets July 17 forum for Sumpter candidates

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County is sponsoring public candidates forums for those seeking election for the positions of Sumpter Township Clerk, Treasurer and Trustee in the Aug. 7, primary.

The forums are scheduled for Tuesday, July 17, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Sumpter Township Community Center, 23501 Sumpter Road.

The schedule is:

- 7:00-7:25 p.m. - Sumpter Township Clerk

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Community members Judy Anderson, Moulda Waldron, and Valerie Altizer work filling food bags for Rawsonville Elementary School students.

Trinity Episcopal Church going strong on 'Friday Fill-Up!'

The "Friday Fill-Up" team at Belleville's Trinity Episcopal Church is celebrating the success of its program to provide backpacks filled with food for the weekend to students at Rawsonville Elementary in the Van Buren School District.

This program is designed to meet the needs of kids who get meals in school, but may face bare cupboards at home. Since launching in February 2018, the "Friday Fill-Up!" program has grown to feed 28 children every weekend through the end of the school year.

Each weekly bag contains enough food for two breakfasts and lunches, plus some extra food that can stretch to help a family eat one dinner. In total, 360 backpacks of nutritious and kid-friendly food have been given out.

The "Friday Fill-up!" team is planning to expand this program to feed 50 schoolchildren every weekend when school starts up in August, and to cover 75 backpacks a weekend in time for the Winter Holiday Break. Trinity Episcopal Church and the 'Friday Fill-up!' team are grateful to the community for all the support received.

To help end childhood hunger in our community, visit the church's website: www.trinitybell.org/friday-fill-up or email: fridayfillup@trinitybell.org. Other ways to help support this program include "liking" and "following" it on the Facebook page, "Friday Fill-up."

For more information, contact Gabby Burton (gbtracy9@gmail.com) or Martha Hanoian (children@trinitybell.org).

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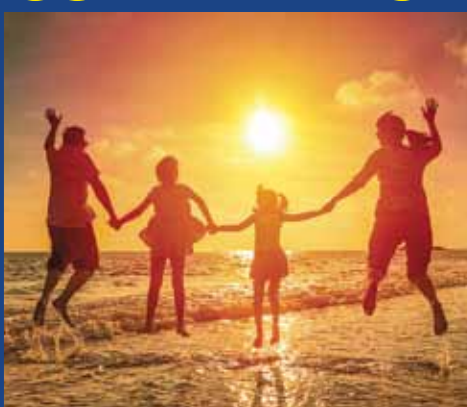
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Nine Sumpter Democrat candidates vie for three seats in primary election

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Nine Democrats are competing for three seats on the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees in the Aug. 6 primary election.

The positions were appointed, after the deaths of Treasurer Alan Bates and Clerk Clarence Hoffman, when officials were assigned to these posts. The election in November will fill the seats until 2020.

The positions open are treasurer, clerk, and trustee.

Running for treasurer are incumbent Peggy Morgan, Ken Bednark, and Ronald Barrington Robinson. The winner of the August Democratic primary will be on the ballot unopposed in November.

Running for clerk are incumbent Esther Hurst, Sheena Barnes (who presently is an appointed trustee), and Toni Clark. The winner of the August Democratic primary will be on the ballot unopposed in November.

Running for trustee are Antoine Jordan, Jay W. Bardell, II, and Kit Denice Dewyer.

Jennifer Price had filed for trustee, but told the *Independent* she decided not to run after all, making that decision after the deadline, so her name will appear on the ballot. She said, "I STRONGLY support Esther Hurst for clerk and Ken Bednark for treasurer. Embarrassingly enough, there is not a Democrat on the ballot for Sumpter Township trustee that I support at this time."

The winner of the Democratic primary for trustee will face Republican Tim Rush, who will be unopposed on the Republican part of the ballot in both August and November.

Also, Andrew Slovik, with no party affiliation, will be on the November ballot as a candidate for trustee.

The candidates on the August ballot answered questions on a form sent to them by the *Independent* and here are their stories.

CANDIDATES FOR TREASURER

Peggy Morgan

Peggy Morgan, 59, of 46330 Claxton Drive, was appointed treasurer in February 2017 and has served as treasurer since then. Before being appointed treasurer, she served as an elected trustee from November 2004 through January 2017.

"I took an interest in our community long before being elected in 2004," she said. "In fact, I attended board meetings for nearly ten years prior to running for office."

"I also served on the Sumpter Township Board of Review, the Economic Development Committee, and volunteered for the Neighborhood Watch in the 1990s."



Morgan

I am the former liaison for Parks and Recreation and Sumpter Fire Department. Currently, I am the Water Department liaison. I am a member of the Michigan Democratic Party, Sumpter Seniors, and Women of the Moose Chapter 1135."

In 1977, Morgan graduated from Garden City East High School. After graduation, she attended Schoolcraft College where she was trained in Living Skills. She later took Nurse's Aide training at Garden City Hospital. She participated in the RESA training for school bus driver and retired from Van Buren Public Schools after more than 20 years as a bus driver. She has completed the FEMA Emergency Management Institute courses IS-00700, National Incident Management System (NIMS) and IS-00800-A, National Response Plan (NRP).

She has been married to Richard E. (Bud) Morgan for 33 years and they have two sons, Richard E. II and David W., and four grandsons. She said she loves spending time with her family, playing with her four grandsons, and doing yard work. She is a big NASCAR and football fan, and also enjoys camping, hunting, and traveling with her family.

"I am running for office because I have lived in Sumpter Township for 33 years; this is my home and my children and grandchildren all live here. I want to continue to bring my leadership and vision to Sumpter Township, which is to build a brighter future for Sumpter's working families like mine. I have character, integrity, and the leadership experience necessary to continue to move Sumpter Township forward."

"If elected, my list of goals are to prioritize road projects, ensure accountability, and to work tirelessly to deliver results for the hardworking taxpayers of Sumpter Township. I also intend to seek alternative revenue for our township, support job creation, support grants for family development, and support senior programs, as well as after-school programs."

"I promise to listen to all residents' concerns, and will continue to represent all taxpayers and residents. I will persistently work hard to maintain Sumpter Township's balanced budget, continue to keep the essential services that are in place now, and will always look for any suggestions to improve them."

Kenneth Bednark

Kenneth Bednark, 62, of 18295 Savage Road, is running for treasurer in his first bid for elective office.

He has lived in Sumpter Township for 42 years and is retired after being a home builder, real estate investor, and planning consultant.

Bednark earned a master of science in Policy and Behavior at the University of

Michigan in Ann Arbor; a bachelor of science *cum laude* in Urban Planning/Business Administration from Eastern Michigan University; and attended College of Law at the University of Toledo. He is a Michigan licensed Master Builder and Real Estate Broker and belongs to the American Institute of Certified Planners.



Bednark

He is a commissioner on the Sumpter Zoning Board of Appeals and served as secretary on the Sumpter MMFLA Committee.

When asked why he is running for office, Bednark said:

"As your neighbor, I have heart and vision for our beloved Sumpter and seek to restore dignity and functionality to the office of treasurer. My regular board meeting attendance and committee participation has given me insight into the dynamics of Sumpter's governance."

"The contentious attitude, flawed logic, and promotion of self-interests made it evident that there is a leadership void in the office of treasurer. We need a competent and mature treasurer that understands the statutory functions of the office and that puts community needs first. We need a representative that listens while respecting the viewpoints of residents and fellow board members."

"Our current appointed treasurer is campaigning for 'Change in 2018,' yet has been on the board for 14 years! The true change needed, at a minimum, is a new treasurer."

As to goals and objectives, Bednark said: "Accountable: I will be fiscally responsible by keeping a transparent and balanced budget along with managing an accountable and friendly staff. I will ensure residents receive timely and accurate water/sewer service bills and will implement convenient internet payment options."

"Professional: I will treat everyone with the respect they deserve. I will facilitate community participation in township governance and promote board collaboration."

"Experienced: I will be a board liaison to the Building/Planning Department, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Planning Commission, as well as a tactful negotiator representing our township's best interests at large. I will work with our police and fire departments to meet needs and with our ordinance officer to clean up blight."

"Dedicated: I will be working hard for residents by procuring county, state, and federal funding for infrastructure improvements and by finding solutions

that increase our standard of living. I will be attentive to the needs of our growing senior community by providing funding for services and activities."

"Honest: I will be listening and reaching out to residents to advocate for them as their board representative. I will preserve our rural character, increase property values, and promote our parks and recreational opportunities."

"I will serve with integrity and would be honored by your vote," Bednark concluded.

Ronald Barrington Robinson

Ronald Barrington Robinson, 333 Utah, has lived in Sumpter Township for 21 years. He is seeking the position of township treasurer.

He has a daughter, Taylor Robinson.

Robinson retired as a lieutenant after serving for 23 years with the Michigan Department of Corrections. He is a video producer at Comcast Cable Television of the "In My Opinion" show seen on Detroit public access channel 68, Flint public access channel 17 and Downriver channel 20.

He earned a Criminal Justice Degree from Mott College.

Robinson has run for office for president of the Lake Shore Community Block Club in Flint, the Flint City Council 7th Ward, vice president of the Flint Branch of the NAACP, Sumpter Township trustee, trustee of Southwestern Wayne County Democratic Club, and now is running for Sumpter treasurer.

He belongs to the NAACP, Southwestern Wayne County Democratic Club, and enjoys horseback riding, gardening, traveling, fishing, and cooking.

When asked why he is running for this office, Robinson replied: "Sumpter Township needs truth in honest government and democracy. Fiscal responsibility, integrity, and transparency are lacking in this current administration. I will work hard to restore these important values and accountability to and for the people of Sumpter Township, Michigan."

As to goals once elected?

"I will work hard, honestly and tirelessly to restore a transparent government of and for the people that our township, Wayne County and the State of Michigan can be proud of and believe in."

"I have and will continue to reach out to companies large and small to locate their businesses to Sumpter Township. This will generate job opportunities for our residents and bring much-needed new revenue for Sumpter Township's dwindling tax base. The township's taxpayers cannot afford

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Robinson

O P I N I O N S

Editorial

Disagreement between engineers hold up library

The engineers for the City of Belleville and the Belleville Area District Library are at a stand-off over some wording that would assess liability -- and this is standing in the way of the construction of the new library.

At Tuesday's regular meeting of the Belleville Area District Library Board, architect Dan Whisler explained the problem.

He said Hennessey Engineers, who work for the City of Belleville, are requiring wording on the eight plans provided to the city with the caveat that if Hennessey missed something, the project will still meet all their standards, which are not published and could change at any time. They've required this for 17 years.

Whisler said their standards are not written out and if they change them the wording would give liability to the library engineers, Beckett and Rader, and the insurance carriers will not stand for that.

"We are insured against negligent acts" and the insurance would cover that, but not this. The city engineer refuses to budge and so do the library engineers.

They are trying to find a solution and O'Neil Construction wants to get started on building the library. The situation is on the cusp of costing the library project money since workers on the scene will need to be paid.

Library board members suggested taking it to the mayor and city council. Hopefully, this can be settled soon.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

A resident on High Street called to say that the couple that worked all day, "putting sweat and blood" into cutting down the weeds along High Street near the Huron River Drive end last year, now worry that they may have done the wrong thing. They now think the city may decide to let them do it every year.

The weeds are high at that end now and they can't see the lake. Calls to city hall about the problem are useless, my caller said.

Our caller, a neighbor to the couple, said the man is handicapped and they shouldn't have to be doing that work. She said the city is to blame for not cutting the weeds along the water the way it used to do. She said the blame shouldn't lie on this couple for the cutting not being done.

We've been told that at 1 p.m. on Sunday there was a one-hour wait for a parking spot at Menards on Belleville Road. What's that all about? Miscalculation on the number of parking spaces required? Or, just a lot of people coming at the beginning to view a new store?

On Saturday, a candlelight vigil was held on the I-94 North Service Drive in memory of a Van Buren Township motorcyclist, Kenneth Pankey, Jr., who was killed in an accident at the Belleville Road/I-94 North Service Drive intersection on June 30.

He was president of the Ypsilanti Boogie Down Motorcycle Club and was also a member of the O.G. Ryders.

Van Buren Township Police Chief Jason Wright said police closed off the North Service Drive between Belleville Road and



Arby's for a short time Saturday night. He said 400 people were there and there were no traffic issues and no tickets were issued. "Everything went well," he reported.

On Monday, a resident of South Edgemont Street came in to show me pictures of "black tar" that had been thrown on two parts of the sidewalk in front of her home. There were orange Xs on the two pieces of sidewalk that had been lifted up by the tree in the area between the sidewalk and the street. She said her family planted that tree about 36 years ago with permission from the city.

Now, there are white Xs on the sidewalk pieces. And, loose "black tar."

She first noticed the "tar" on Sunday. She said when she saw a young mother with two children and a tricycle coming down the sidewalk she worried about them stepping in the goo. She also told her mail carrier to walk on her lawn to stay out of the "tar."

She put up a sign, facing both ways, saying, "Please be careful. This is tar. Wet, sticky and will ruin your shoes." She said she went down the street and got a neighbor, Mayor Pro Tem Jack Loria, to show him her sidewalk.

She said he asked, "Why put tar?"

I called DPW Chief Rick Rutherford at City Hall. He said it's actually not tar, but cold patch. He said while city crews were working on a water main break in that area he noticed the raised sidewalk, which is a

trip hazard. He sent his DPW crew over to patch it with cold patch, so it won't trip anyone -- to keep it safe until they can go permanently fix the cement.

He said his crew put orange Xs, which mean it is the property owner's responsibility, but when he reviewed it he determined it is a city responsibility because it was a city tree and that's why the Xs are now white.

The lady is very fortunate to have white Xs. If they were orange, she'd have to pay to fix the cement.

She called back on Tuesday to advise us that the "tar" actually was asphalt.

Van Buren Township is working on its master plan and wants to know what residents want for their township. They've released the link to the survey they are running to find out what residents think. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3G8XJDS>

VBT will have this on its web site, too. Officials hope the residents will participate and let them know what they are thinking so the plans for the future will be good plans.

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Letters

Menards should call itself VBT Menards

To the editor:

Your June 28, 2018 edition of the paper highlights the long-awaited opening of the new Menards store in Van Buren Township. It will certainly be a service to the people in our community to have a large home improvement store so close by. (I will pause here to say please don't forget about our local hardware stores in Belleville and Sumpter; Pro Hardware and Ace are great stores and have great people working in them).

However, the point of this letter is the headline used on the front page and the sign Menards used for the opening. I'll never understand how Van Buren Township and Belleville are constantly referred to as "Belleville." It's easier to say, yes, and the high school is named for and located in the city. The lake, too. But they're two different places. It's simple. There are definite and defined borders. People from Monroe don't say they live in Ohio, right? It just confuses me.

And, it doesn't help that the "Official Newspaper of Record" for both communities can't get it right, either. Not to mention that the sign Menards used for the "ribbon cutting," right there on the front page, says Belleville. With our own VBT board standing right there. ... I mean, I guess they should have invited the Belleville City Council instead? This new location is no more affiliated to Belleville than the location in Livonia, other than geographical proximity.

At any rate, that's enough ranting from me on this, for now. Thanks to all that made the new store a reality. I look forward to much shorter trips for those DIY projects.

Charles Larocque
 Van Buren Township

Citizens' Resistance at Fermi 2 writes letter

To the editor:

This is a letter for which we are gathering signatures to send to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality concerning Fermi 2. Citizens' Resistance at Fermi 2 (CRAFT)

To: Christine Alexander
 Manager Permit Section
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Dear Ms. Alexander:

Citizens' Resistance at Fermi 2 (CRAFT) hereby goes on record as opposing the Draft National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) for the Fermi 2 nuclear reactor. DTE is requesting to continuously discharge a maximum of 45.1 million gallons per day (MGD) of cooling tower blowdown, processed radwaste wastewater, residual heat removal system service water, chemical metal cleaning wastes, and nonchemical metal cleaning waste into Lake Erie through Outfall 001, in addition to discharging from additional outfalls and monitoring points.

DTE is offering a 10 to 1 dilution of lake water to effluent, although Lake Erie is protected as a drinking water source. A gallon of poison is still poison, even if you add it to ten gallons of water. As the saying goes, "Dilution is not the solution to pollution." The most recent Water Quality and Pollution Control in Michigan Sections state that Fish Consumption for Lake Erie is forbidden because of the Dioxin and Polychlorinated Biphenyls that this permit allows – by dilution.

The Selections' document stated that Swan Creek does not support "Other Indigenous Aquatic Life and Wildlife." Is Swan Creek a "dead zone"? Why was it that everyone ever contacted about permitting by Fermi or DEQ lived in Frenchtown Township or Monroe? Personal contact was made to several specific property owners but not property owners who live on Swan Creek in Berlin Township.

There is no mention in the draft about Fermi's role in Lake Erie's increasing algae bloom problems. Satellite shots show that the algae blooms jumpstart in DTE's effluent mixing zone. Is this not the Thermal pollution that causes the western basin of Lake Erie to be 19 degrees hotter than anywhere else on the lake? The draft permit states that "Effluent temperatures from December 2009 to December 2016 ranged from 32 to 97 degrees Fahrenheit."

We commend your staff recommendation that this Draft permit now has a phosphorus limit which Fermi's previous permits did not. However, 376 pounds per day going into Lake Erie from one outfall, the main one – Outfall 001, and a limit of 6 pounds per day in from Monitoring Point 009A. That seems to be a lot of phosphorus going into the lake since farmers have been criticized for their use of phosphorus fertilizers, and even housewives for their use of phosphorus containing detergents. And, commendable that you are setting a limit on Copper (at 15 pounds per day) at Outfall 001, which previously had no limits, and 0.18 pounds per day at Monitoring Point 009A.

It seems unreal that there were previously no limits on Cyanide, which DEQ staff now recommends as 0.93 pounds per day discharged into Monitoring Point 009A but failed to mention how much would be discharged through the other outfalls.

It is confusing that the permit states the

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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) sets the regulations for radioactive materials going into the lake, but when we have complained about Fermi's thermal discharge, the NRC said that your agency oversees all discharges into Lake Erie, not them.

The U.S. NRC has stated "Public and occupational health can be compromised by activities at the Fermi site that encourage the growth of disease-causing microorganisms (etiological agents). Thermal discharges from Fermi into the circulation water system and Lake Erie have the potential to increase the growth of thermophilic organisms. These microorganisms could give rise to potentially serious human concerns, particularly at high exposure levels." Draft NUREG-2105, volume 1, October 2011, page 2-228

It makes us wonder if only DTE is in charge? DTE has a message for all those who depend on Lake Erie for drinking water, recreation, and their very lives – you don't matter. What clearly matters to DTE is running roughshod over the environment and rate-payers with their dirty power monopoly, while safe, affordable alternatives not only exist, but cost far less.

DTE clearly wants it both ways, they want to call Fermi 2 clean power, while it pollutes with total abandon. They call Fermi 2 a vital asset, yet they want to dramatically depreciate its taxable value. They claim renewables are not viable as base load power due to predictable capacity factor issues, while Fermi 2 repeatedly experiences large, sudden outages.

They want to claim they are just following regulatory imperatives, while they drive policy with their corrupt political influence. The only power DTE truly has a focus on generating is political power, for itself. When on site, emissions free generation is available for a fraction of the cost of DTE's dirty grid power, the time for change has come, yet DTE is determined to dig in their heels.

Water is life.
Sincerely,
Jessie Pauline Collins, Redford, and
James Sherman, Waterford, co-chairs,
Citizens' Resistance at FERMI 2
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Widowed Friends offer tour of Opera House

Widowed Friends invite you to join them on a tour of the Michigan Opera Theatre and lunch on Thursday, July 19. Free parking in the fenced-in surface lot.

The guided tour begins at 10:30 a.m. Hear the history of the theatre, visit the dressing rooms, rehearsal hall, costume shop, and more. Wear comfortable (no open toe) shoes. Cost of tour \$5 per person.

They will have lunch after the tour at The Detroit Beer Company across the street from the entrance of the opera house. RSVP to Myrna at (586) 291-5088 by July 15.

Widowed Friends is a peer support group for widowers/widows.

Liberty Gospel Church sets week end revival on July 26, 27, 28

Liberty Gospel Church, 105 N. Liberty Street, Belleville, invites the public to its week end revival at 7 p.m., Thursday through Saturday, July 26, 27, 28.

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Obituaries



Dr. Gregory Allen Brown

DR. GREGORY ALLEN BROWN

(January 7, 1957 - June 17, 2018)

Dr. Gregory Allen Brown, "Doc," 61, passed away at University of Michigan Hospital after a long, courageous battle with health complications. He was born on January 7, 1957 in Ypsilanti, MI, to Freewill Baptist Minister Bill Brown and his wife Faye (Shepherd) Brown.

Dr. Brown graduated from Belleville High School in 1975, where he was his class's Valedictorian. Upon graduation he immediately entered the United States Navy. He served as a Navy Corpsman (medic) from 1975-79. He returned home and later married his wife LeeAnn in 1982.

He attended Eastern Michigan University where he earned his Bachelor's degree with honors with an impressive double major in Chemistry and Physiology. Dr. Brown was then proudly accepted into the prestigious Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine, from which he graduated in 1989. He immediately moved to Genesee County to start his veterinary career. In 1992, he purchased Town and Country Veterinary Clinic on Seymour Road in Flushing from the well-known and established local veterinarian, Dr. Bigelow, who had practiced in that location for half a century. In 1995, he remodeled the clinic, renaming it Riverside Animal Hospital, and second only to his children, this thriving practice became his pride and joy.

Riverside Animal Hospital earned accolades and the respect of the community it has faithfully served due to Dr. Brown's love of animals and his reputation as a good doctor. He built the practice on his solid philosophy that veterinary care should be available as a walk-in, no-appointment-necessary service to its community. He was adored by his staff and known by everyone who ever had the pleasure of meeting him for his kindness and generosity to two-legged and four-legged citizens alike.

Dr. Brown was a true Spartan fan who enjoyed talking sports with anyone who would lend him an ear and he was an avid golfer. He was an active Lions Club member and he also hosted regular choir practices at the clinic on select nights each month.

He is survived by his mother Faye (Shepherd), wife LeeAnn (Mehring), daughters Kathryn (Katie) of Flushing and Shannon of Texas; brother Billy and wife Cindy Brown of Belleville, nephew Scott Brown of Ann Arbor, niece Andrea (Brown) Hughes of Tennessee.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Riverside Animal Hospital's "Lucky Fund." This is a fund created to help provide veterinary care to animals in need.

A formal Memorial and Celebration of Life will be planned for later in the summer with an announcement to follow in order to give all of his countless friends, clients, and all those whom he has touched through the years a chance to pay their final respects to such a great doctor, husband, father, boss, civic leader, friend, and man.



Kenneth Pankey, Jr.

KENNETH PANKEY, JR.

(May 24, 1984 - June 30, 2018)

Kenneth Pankey, Jr., age 34, of Belleville and formerly of Ypsilanti, passed away suddenly Saturday, June 30, 2018. He was born May 24, 1984 in Ann Arbor, MI, the son of Kenneth and Denise (Rawls) Pankey, Sr.

He played football and basketball at Pioneer High School. Kenneth was a member of Second Baptist Church, Ypsilanti. He worked for the Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority as a motor coach operator. He was president of the Ypsilanti Boogie Down Motorcycle Club and was also a member of the O.G. Ryders. Kenneth was an active caregiver of his uncle Aaron Walker and volunteered at Childs Elementary on behalf of his beloved niece Arianna Noel Pankey. He loved traveling and especially loved his family.

Survivors include his mother Denise of Ypsilanti and his father Kenneth of Romulus; his "daughter"/German Shepherd Monte; one brother Kevin Pankey of Belleville; his niece Arianna; his fiancée Claudia Kopinski of Belleville; and several aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

The funeral service was held Friday, July 6, at Second Baptist Church, Ypsilanti, with Pastor George Waddles officiating. Burial followed in United Memorial Gardens. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Ypsilanti Boogie Down Motorcycle Club. Envelopes are available at Stark Funeral Service, 101 S. Washington St., Ypsilanti, where the family received friends on Thursday, July 5.

WENDELL OWEN ELMORE

(September 2, 1937 - July 8, 2018)

Age 80, of Van Buren Township. Survived by wife Barbara; children Yvonne, Brenda, and Renee; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; brother Harlan. Service July 10 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. www.davidcbrownfh.com

MICHAEL RICHARD HARVEY

(February 7, 1968 - July 1, 2018)

Age 50, of Sumpter Township. Survived by son Michael James Harvey; stepchild Shawn Hyde; parents James Hyde and Sharon Schmidt. No public services planned. David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. www.davidcbrownfh.com

JOAN E. HAYNES

(April 29, 1936 - July 9, 2018)

Age 82, of Van Buren Township. Died peacefully at the Medilodge of Plymouth. In keeping with Joan's wishes, a simple cremation with a private family service has been arranged. David C. Brown Funeral Home. www.davidcbrownfh.com

SHIRLEY ELIZABETH LANG

Shirley Elizabeth Lang died July 6, 2018 at the Belle Villa Pool after suffering a heart attack. She was cremated and a memorial service was held from 3 to 9 p.m., Wednesday, July 11, at the Knights of Columbus, 150 Fair Street, Plymouth 48170. A GoFundMe page was set up by her son Jason Lang to help with arrangements.

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Music Lakeside concerts continue tonight, Thursday, July 12, with The Kielbasa Kings Polka Band from 7 to 9 p.m. at Horizon Park along High Street. The concert will be moved across the street to the Belleville First United Methodist Church in case of bad weather. Admission is free.

Moe's Produce Stand on Sumpter Road next to the Sumpter Fire Station is open selling seasonal vegetables. The family owned and operated business has been selling from its stand since 1941 and everything sold is grown on site. Sweet corn is still a few weeks away, according to Mary Johnson, but they have potatoes, onions, squash, and much more. They're open seven days a week at 9:30 a.m. See their ad starting today.

Baby turkeys are now available at the Willis Feed Mill in Willis along the railroad tracks behind Boneheads BBQ. See their Facebook page for info. While you're there, be sure to check out their selection of livestock feed, bird seed, dog and cat food, fertilizers, hay and straw, organic products, and much more. See their ad in today's paper and call owner Bob Durham at (734) 461-1111.

It's also art fair season as the 39th-annual Art in the Park is this weekend in Downton Plymouth, featuring 400 artists. It's the second-largest art fair in Michigan. This weekend also marks the 57th-annual Wyandotte Street Art Fair on Biddle Street in Downtown Wyandotte featuring over 300 artisans, July 12-15. Next weekend, July 19-22, the granddaddy of them all, the 49th-annual Ann Arbor fairs get underway in four separate locations. Simply Google them for details. I just might check one of these out, as I feel the need for an art fix coming on.

Our Belleville Culvers is getting a re-

model within the coming months as owner Alexis Carter is finalizing plans with contractors, hoping for just a 2-3-day closure. Stay tuned for details.

Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? Call Bob Mytych at (734) 699-9020 with your suggestion. There is no charge to be in this column.

Widowed Friends offer trip to Ireland in 2019

Widowed Friends invite you to join them on a trip to Ireland for 15 days, April 24-May 8, 2019. The trip includes stops in Dublin, Kilkenny, Cork, Killarney and Galway. There are 22 meals – 13 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 6 dinners (including 1 Home-Hosted Lunch). There are 13 guided tours, including the Waterford Crystal Factory and the exclusive services of a local Grand Circle program director. The cost is \$4,195 which includes airfare, or \$2,945 for the tour only. For more information, contact Laurie at (586) 598-0067.

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Sumpter candidates

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any more personal new taxes,” Robinson concluded.

CANDIDATES FOR CLERK

Esther Hurst

Esther Hurst, 63, 46323 Arkona Rd., is the incumbent appointed clerk running for election to the post.

She is a lifelong resident of Sumpter Township and the mother of two children, James and Jennifer. She is a high school graduate and unsuccessfully ran for clerk in the past.



Hurst

Hurst was appointed trustee and then clerk. She enjoys quilting.

When asked why she is running for this office, Hurst replied: “I am the most qualified candidate with over 30 years in the clerk’s office as secretary and deputy clerk. I want to bring the office into the 21st Century by continuing to preserve the integrity of the election process and making the necessary updates.”

Her goals once elected? “Bring more business to Sumpter without losing the country atmosphere. Promote more senior activities and help the elderly. Make improvements to our parks for future generations. Explore ways to get grants to help funding. Continue to ensure the businesses within our township are compliant with our ordinance.”

Sheena Barnes

Sheena Barnes, who has lived in Sumpter for more than 58 years, is the mother of three children: Julius III, Sharnice, and Jamarrea, and two grandchildren Ava and Julius IV. Sheena is the daughter of Louise Barnes and the late Nathaniel Barnes.

Her family ran a business, Nate Barnes Market, for more than 49 years. She is continuing the tradition with her own business, Sheena Barnes BBQ Bones.

“Growing up in a family business taught me honesty and integrity and to be a service to the community. Working along side my family instilled family values, faith, and love for my community. We were always encouraged to speak up for what’s right and strive to be the best you can be. My father always said, ‘If you are a street sweeper or a ditch digger, be the best one ever.’ Be of service to your community and help those who cannot help themselves.

“I am not afraid to be the voice of my community and speak truth to power. It is my goal to give my best service to the Sumpter Township residents as township clerk. In the words of Shirley Chisholm, first African-American woman to run for United States President ‘Unbought and Unbossed.’”

Barnes graduated from Airport High School and attended WWCCC, earning a CID in Trade Business.

She has been a resources coordinator for CAN Community Action, Student Advocate Center, Ann Arbor Housing Commission, Peace Neighborhood Center, and Pines Lake Community Center, all in Ann Arbor.

She was an art teacher for the Charter Township of Ypsilanti Department of Recreation and Detroit University Preparatory Academy Schools in Detroit.

She holds Michigan State University “Safe Food” certification and is the proud sponsor of Nate Barnes Tributes and Soul Roll Festivals.

Her goals are to get grants for family development, grants for after-school programs, coordinate and implement recreational programs, workshops and creative parenting sessions, and opioids mental health and mood disorders programs.

“I would like to have the opportunity to move Sumpter Township forward, get involved in public administrative township functions and the duties of the official in the office as a clerk officer and provide and implement quality leadership,” Barnes concluded.

Toni Clark

Toni Clark, 63, 23623 Sumpter Road, has lived in Sumpter Township for 29 years and is married to Jim Clark.

She is a writer and retired from Ameritech after 18 years of service. She was a real estate agent for 10 years



Clark

and had education as a surgical tech and in criminal justice.

Clark said she served as Sumpter Township Supervisor and assisted handling the bonding the township needed to avoid bankruptcy. She was appointed City of Inkster Clerk.

Clark belongs to the Moose and the Michigan Beekeepers Association.

When asked why she is running for clerk, Clark said: “I have the experience. I have been a deputy clerk in Sumpter Township, deputy clerk in Augusta Township, deputy supervisor in London Township and wrote a grant that was handled by the State of Michigan to redesign the building, sidewalks and doors, as well as the parking lot for handicap accessibility.”

As to goals once elected, Clark said: “To work with the board, to look for more opportunities to make the residents proud of their community.”

CANDIDATES FOR TRUSTEE

Jay W. Bardell, II

Jay W. Bardell, II, age 62, of 22161 Elwell Road, is running for trustee. He has lived in the township for 39 years and has a high school education and some college.

He and his wife Roxanne have raised four daughters, all of whom reside in the township. They also have five grandchildren.

“I enjoy farming, camping, fishing,

gardening, and time spent with my family,” he said.

He previously ran unsuccessfully for trustee and supervisor in Sumpter Township. He was appointed to the Planning Commission.

“I am not a career politician,” Bardell said. “My concern is the community of Sumpter Township. I want the people to get their voices heard.

“Transparency, accountability, and an open-door policy are happening on day one. It’s time for fresh ideas, new perspectives, and change. It’s really time for a shake up in the township.

“We are behind the ball with community programs and new business. When elected, I promise the residents of Sumpter Township I will work hard for them and be their voice,” Bardell concluded.

Kit Denice Dewyer

Kit Denice Dewyer, 61, 40475 Harris, is running for trustee. She has lived in Sumpter Township for 18 years and is married to Sam Cumberledge.

She earned a bachelor of science in Planned Program/Education from Eastern Michigan University and a master of science in Gerontology/Programs and Services from EMU. She is an educator for the visually impaired and blind K-12.

This is her first bid for elective office.

She is a member of Retired Seniors Volunteer Program, Regional Transit Authority Citizens Advisory Committee, Wayne County Nutrition Project Advisory Council, Holiday Meals on Wheels, Focus Hope and Commodities, and After School Programs for Children at Risk.

Her hobbies are creating and sharing delicious recipes and photography.

When asked why she was running for this office, Dewyer said: “Sumpter Township has two populations that are under-served, and their safety and health are at risk whenever they enter or exit the senior center transportation.

“I plan to give a voice to and keep the seniors and individuals with disabilities safe while riding on Sumpter’s transportation.”

Asked if she had a goal once elected to office, Dewyer said: “Yes, I want the lift reattached to the senior van. This lift allows seniors and the disabled to enter and exit the van safely. At this time the individual has to step up on a wooden box that is void of a hand rail; the individual has to then reach into the van and pull themselves into the van. When exiting, the individual has to step out of the van backwards. Please keep in mind that these are seniors and individuals with leg braces, walkers, canes, and balance issues!

“Also, there is no transportation to and from the senior center on Fridays. Our coordinator is receiving full salary and benefits, although she only works four days per week. I want the coordinator’s salary and benefits to reflect that she is part-time. Sumpter hired a part-time driver, who assists the passengers safely on and off the transportation, and carries their packages in



Dewyer

and out of their homes. The driver also waits for seniors that need no assistance, until the senior is safely in their home. I want this driver hired full time, and transport my seniors and individuals with disabilities on Fridays,” Dewyer concluded.

Antoine Jordan

Antoine Jordan, age 34, 44946 Judd Road, was born and raised in Sumpter Township.

He said his number-one goal is to be entrusted to take care of township property and money for the benefit of township inhabitants.

He is a 2002 graduate of Belleville High School and has a bachelor of science in Business Administration from Central Michigan University. He acquired his master’s degree in Business Administration with a specialization in Human Resources which led him to spend a major part of his career developing professionals and increasing team member productivity.

“A career focused on making process leaner and training and development has given me the knowledge skills and abilities needed to increase efficiency to make many businesses thrive,” he said. “I’d like to use that same skill set and apply it to the position of township trustee, focusing on growing and developing our town to reach overall master plan objectives and township short-term goals.

“Locals may know me as Coach Buck,” Jordan said. “I’ve spent the past few years leading the Junior Varsity Basketball program at Belleville High School. I am currently the head of fundraising for basketball programs, 7th-varsity level. This involves setting up youth leagues, tournaments, camps, and many other activities to better the program.

“Through these sorts of activities I have been able to touch our youth of all ages. I am also a member of Spiritual Israel Church and Its Army. This church membership has also been rooted in Sumpter Township for more than the 34 years I have been alive living in Sumpter,” he said.

“When elected, my chief priorities will be developing and informing the residents of road updates. (Snow removal, salting, potholes, new paving opportunities, etc.) I also would like to work with the board to develop our senior programs (Progressive League) and last, but not least, develop our youth programs so Sumpter is a place where the elderly feel a sense of fine country living and people want to raise families here while the kids love being here.

“In my opinion, it is paramount that we develop a process to streamline ordinary business and focus on new business. I will work hard to make sure Sumpter Township leads the way forward and continues to be a welcoming community strongly rooted in country living at its finest and a place the youth loves to live,” Jordan said.

He said he is the most-qualified candidate for this position because he is educated, a longtime Sumpter resident, understands that nothing is constant but change, and is goal-driven, process-oriented, and reliable.



Jordan



Nick Mockeridge runs the steeple chase during his career at Albion College.

Nick Mockeridge named to Albion College Athletic Hall of Fame

Nick Mockeridge who graduated from Belleville High School, is among 11 individuals to be inducted into the Albion College Athletic Hall of Fame Oct. 5-6, announced Athletic Director Matt Arend.

The honorees will join the current 316 individuals of the Albion Athletic Hall of Fame. The induction dinner will be held Oct. 5 at Baldwin Hall with the 2018 class also being recognized before Albion takes the field for the Homecoming football game against Michigan Intercollegiate

Athletic Association rival Hope College.

Mockeridge, Albion class of 2004, took part in men's cross country and men's track & field.

Mockeridge finished his career as Albion's first four-time all-MIAA performer in cross country and as the league's Most Valuable Runner in track & field for the 2003 season. The four-time cross country team MVP and four-time all-region performer twice advanced to the NCAA Championship.

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Associate Broker Glenn Silvenis recognized in national survey

Glenn Silvenis, a veteran Associate Broker, was nationally recognized in the 13th-annual REAL Trends "The Thousand," as published in *The Wall Street Journal*.

This survey is divided into four categories including individual agents by sales volume, individual agents by transaction sides, agent teams by volume and agent teams by sides.

Glenn Silvenis placed 127 in the Top 250 Agent rankings for most transaction sides.



Glenn Silvenis

"It's an honor to be listed among such hardworking and dedicated professionals across the country," said Silvenis, Associate Broker of Remax Crossroads III. "The Western Wayne County and Eastern Washtenaw County housing market has been steadily improving this selling season. That, along with 25+ years of local real estate expertise, allows for the ideal opportunity to provide clients with the highest level of customer service."

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Silvenis, who formerly served as mayor of the city of Belleville, is a graduate of Belleville High School and active in the Belleville Rotary Club.

For more information, visit www.MrSold.com.



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Van Buren Township Trustee Sherry Frazier presented a framed copy of the June 28 *Independent* and a *Detroit Free Press* to Menards Assistant Manager Ryan welcoming them to the Belleville communities of Van Buren Township, City of Belleville, and Sumpter Township. She said she also gave them the latest copy of the *Independent*. "Belleville Road will never be the same," she said. "Lots going on."

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Things to do in the Belleville area...

- **Thursday, July 12** – Music Lakeside at 7 p.m. at Horizon Park in Belleville. Today the live music is by Kielbasa Kings. Free.
- **Saturday, July 14** – Sumpter Township Family Fun Day from noon to 3 p.m. at Graham Park. They'll have a water slide, so bring your towels.
- **Saturday, July 14** – Ninth-annual Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue Golf Outing starts at 9 a.m. at Green Oaks Golf Course, 1775 E. Clark Rd., Ypsilanti, \$60 per person. Includes hot dogs and chips at turn with dinner to follow. Info: Kathi, (734) 635-9141.
- **Sunday, July 15** – St. Anthony Men's Club Golf Outing, 8 a.m., at Fellows Creek Golf Club, 2936 Lotz Rd., Canton. Entry fee, \$70 per golfer. Info: (734) 788-3266; twisniewski@demmer.com or Tedw6262@comcast.net
- **Sunday, July 15** – Free Sunday Music and Car Show, 2-5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township. Music today by 18 Strings. Information: Jimmy Baleja, (734)

223-4824.

- **Monday, July 16** – Farmer's Market in the Fourth Street Square, 4-7:30 p.m. Also car show on Main Street, 5-9 p.m.
- **Monday, July 16 through Saturday, July 21** -- Belleville Seventh Day Adventist Church Vacation Bible School, 89 S. Edgemont St., 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., FREE. Infants through teens. Theme: Camp Out: Getting S'more of Jesus. Dress up days.
- **Tuesday, July 17** -- League of Women Voters will hold a candidates' forum for the positions of Sumpter Township Clerk, Sumpter Township Treasurer, and Sumpter Township Trustee beginning at 7 p.m. at the township community center. Candidates in the Aug. 7 primary election are invited to participate.
- **Thursday, July 19** – Music Lakeside at 7 p.m. at Horizon Park in Belleville. Today the live music is by Yellow Room Gang. Free.
- **Saturday, July 21** – Red Cross Blood Drive, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Van Buren Eagles. Appointments can be made at redcrossblood.org or call 800 REDCROSS.
- **Sunday, July 22** – Free Sunday Music and Car Show, 2-5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township. Music today by Southern

Xpress. Information: Jimmy Baleja, (734) 223-4824.

- **Monday, July 23** – Farmer's Market in the Fourth Street Square, 4-7:30 p.m. Also, car show on Main Street, 5-9 p.m.
- **Thursday, July 16** – Music Lakeside at 7 p.m. at Horizon Park in Belleville. Today the live music is by Robert Jones/Matt Witroba. Free.
- **Monday, July 23** – State Rep. Kristy Pagan will host a coffee hour for constituents at 7 p.m. at the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton.
- **Tuesday, July 24** – Red Cross Blood Drive at Grace Lake Corporate Center, 1 Village Center Drive, Van Buren Township, 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Appointments can be made at redcrossblood.org or call 800 REDCROSS.
- **Wednesday, July 25** – Red Cross Blood Drive at Grace Lake Corporate Center, 1 Village Center Drive, Van Buren Township, 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Appointments can be made at redcrossblood.org or call 800 REDCROSS.
- **Thursday, July 26; Friday, July 27; and Saturday, July 28** -- The public is invited to the 7 p.m. weekend revival services at Liberty Gospel Church, 105 N. Liberty Street, Belleville.
- **Saturday, July 28** -- Belleville Community Band concert at 7:30 p.m. at Belleville First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles Street. Free. Donations accepted to help support the band. (734) 699-6350
- **Sunday, July 29** – Free Sunday Music and Car Show, 2-5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township. Music today by Dave Holloway Karaoke. Information: Jimmy Baleja, (734) 223-4824.
- **Monday, July 30** – Farmer's Market in the Fourth Street Square, 4-7:30 p.m. Also, car show on Main Street, 5-9 p.m.
- **Thursday, Aug. 2** – Music Lakeside at 7 p.m. at Horizon Park in Belleville. Today the live music is by The Raisin Pickers. Free.

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Special beer brewed and ready to honor 'A Girl Named Egypt'

Arbor Brewing Company and Rave Associates Distributors announce the release of a special commemorative beer made in Ypsilanti.

A Girl Named Egypt celebrates the life of 27-year-old Egypt Covington of Van Buren Township, a beloved friend to many who worked in the beer and wine industry for Rave Associates before she was murdered last year in her VBT home.

Her passing brought her family, friends, and co-workers together to brew a beer that celebrates her life, inspired by her many passions. A limited supply of A Girl Named Egypt will appear in six-pack cans and on draft beginning the week of July 9 in Wayne and Washtenaw counties where she lived and worked.

The public is asked to join friends in raising a toast to Egypt on her birthday, July 19. A fundraiser is planned for July 18-19 at Fraser's Pub in Ann Arbor, where she worked before joining Rave.

This very special Double White IPA was brewed as a tribute to Egypt's love and passion for life. Developed in collaboration with her friends and family, it includes some of her favorites: elderflower, passion fruit, and peach. Egypt's smile would light up a room, the promotion for the beer says, and "We hope this beer does the same for you. Please enjoy with friends, loved ones,

and strangers alike. Spread her kindness, share her message, and raise a glass to A Girl Named Egypt.

"Egypt possessed an energy that inspired every life she touched," the story on the web site said. "She loved music and was quick to show compassion to those less fortunate than she. We brewed this beer not only to honor her memory, but also to raise awareness for issues that were important to her."

A portion of the proceeds from the sale of this beer will be donated to The Egypt Covington Foundation, supporting charities related to music scholarship, animal welfare, and victims of domestic abuse.

The Egypt Covington Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) whose mission is to continue to touch lives as Egypt did while she was living. Anyone wishing to learn more or to donate can do so at www.agirlnamedegypt.org.

A suspect is yet to be arrested in the murder of Egypt Covington, which happened on June 23, 2017 in her home on Hull Road. Those with information on the murder are asked to call the Van Buren Township Police at (734) 699-8930, 1-800-SPEAKUP or crimetip@vanburen-mi.org.

Dearborn Heights man injured in motorcycle accident on Ecorse Rd.

A motorcycle accident with serious injuries was reported to Van Buren Township Public Safety Department at about 1:19 a.m. Tuesday.

Responding units discovered a single motorcycle accident on eastbound Ecorse Road near Edwards, according to a press release by Lt. Kenneth Floro.

Huron Valley Ambulance transported the driver of the motorcycle to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital where he is listed in critical condition.

The driver was identified as Mark Sabourin, a 50-year-old male from Dearborn Heights.

VBT police closed the road and secured the scene to conduct a thorough accident investigation. The Accident Investigation Team conducted the investigation and secured evidence and the incident remains under investigation.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Lt. Kenneth Floro at (734) 699-8930.



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July 14 -- Rebecca Thornell
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VBT Board approves higher water service contract for five years

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The Van Buren Township Board of Trustees approved the fourth amendment to the Great Lakes Water Authority water service contract at its regular meeting Jan. 9. The action renewed the agreement for five more years of the 30-year contract.

Department of Public Services Director James Taylor said the only change is in the exhibits' part of the contract where there is a change in the table for peak-hour usage where the township is using more than in the contract. Peak-hour usage is billed higher than usage at other times.

Based on the actual usage there is a

upward change of about \$13,000 to the minimum monthly payment. This will take effect on July 1 and the township's signatures were due Jan. 12.

Taylor said there would be no further increase in residents' water rates this year to pay for this, but next year there could be another raise in rates.

The VBT water and sewer rates went up 5% on Jan. 1.

He said the GLWA will reopen the negotiation at any time if the township can cut the peak-hour usage and they are working at ways to accomplish this.

Supervisor Kevin McNamara said that the water tower, which fills during the off-

peak hours, has offered a smooth flow of water for residents and businesses who mostly used water during daytime hours.

Now that the economy is starting to perk up, businesses are using more water, he said.

Taylor said here is more water usage at

night for some reason and they can't fill the two-million-gallon water tower completely up at night because the water is being used.

Taylor said there were a half dozen frozen pipes reported over the holidays, but no broken water mains.

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Contract details hold up work on repair of Belleville seawall

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Changes to the contract accepted in May for the seawall repairs along Doane's Landing in the City of Belleville are holding up the project.

At the regular city council meeting on July 2, Building Official Rick Rutherford said that the previous Friday afternoon he got an email from the contractors. He said he didn't see the email until he came in on Monday.

Rutherford said they want to change the scope of the work. Rutherford said he wants the geo-tech engineers McDowell to work with them on any changes. He said he didn't know if there would be any revisions pricewise.

He said they weren't specific on what they want to do.

"It's too big a project to let them change the work," Rutherford said.

City Manager Diana Kollmeyer said they want to change the materials to what the city now has in place there and that would mean there would have to be an adjustment to the price.

Rutherford said the city still wants to get the work done this summer because it is urgent.

Mayor Kerreen Conley said the city still has to get the firm figures on who pays what, referring to the condominiums next door to the city park.

Rutherford said the contractor want the city to cover it all and get paid back by the condos. He said the city has identified footage that doesn't belong to the city.

Kollmeyer said the city has given numbers to State Rep. Kristi Pagan and Senator Hoon-Yung Hopgood who are working on a state grant to help with the cost.

"When we have nailed down the cost, there will be some discussions," Mayor Conley said.

On May 21, the city council approved accepting the bid of E.C. Korneffel Co. of Trenton to do the seawall repairs. The cost of \$339,000 was discussed, but it was unsure if that was the amount for the whole job, including the condos, or just the city's share.

A dollar amount for the city was to be

sought.

In other business at the 20-minute meeting on July 2, the council:

- Heard City Manager Kollmeyer announce that Grace Baptist Church had cancelled its July 4 picnic because of the heat. The party annually gets permission to close part of High Street, between the park and the church property, for the party;

- Heard Councilman Jesse Marcotte ask about the green building on East Huron River Drive that has vegetation growing up around it. Kollmeyer said the car wash next door has been sold and the buyer said he bought the green building, as well. Rutherford said at least now the city has a name of the owner, so if the owner lets the vegetation grow again and the city has to contract mowing, the city can put it on their tax bill. When it was owned by the bank and then by the county and up for auction, it was hard to get an owner's name, Rutherford said;

- Heard Mayor Conley ask about the High Street end at Huron River Drive and the tall weeds that have overgrown the "no left turn" sign. Rutherford said he had learned that was Wayne County property and so he will contact Wayne County. There also was a question about the high weeds blocking the view of the lake by residents at that end area of High Street. Mayor Conley said in the past residents have gone out and cut the weeds down themselves when the city didn't get to it;

- Heard Kollmeyer say she has learned that Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara has arranged for the county to put up a "no left turn" sign to alert drivers earlier that there are only right turns in the right lane after they cross the bridge southbound on Belleville Road. The new sign is expected to be up within three weeks;

- Approved accounts payable of \$1,300,790.53 and the following departmental purchases in excess of \$500: to Great Lakes Towing, \$800 refund for vehicle sold at auction where towing fee exceed sale of vehicle, police budget; to Superior Auto & Truck, \$754.29 for tires for the street sweeper, street budget; to Dell Marketing, \$531.98 for two laptops/

pollbooks, elections budget; and to Wise technologies, \$528.75 for computer/phone support, various budgets. There was a question on the Great Lakes Towing bill and Mayor Conley said they would have Police Chief Hal Berriman explain it at the next meeting, but you would think the owner would be responsible if the sale of

Mary Ban supports letters by Smith and Collins on 48111 issue

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At Tuesday's Sumpter Township board meeting, resident Mary Ban endorsed the recent letters to the editor in the *Independent* published by Richard Smith and Donna Collins regarding the 48111 issue.

Ban said after six or seven months, half of her mail is still being addressed to Van Buren Township, while she has always lived in Sumpter Township.

She said Collins said it needed to be dumped back on the lap of VBT Clerk Leon Wright, who initiated the change, and she agreed.

Ban said people running the elections have to be vigilant because the address on the voter ID card and the driver's license have to agree. She said she is glad Sumpter does require picture ID to vote.

She said she admires Smith and Collins for taking a stand on the issue.

the vehicle wasn't enough to cover the towing company's bill;

- Heard Fire Chief Brian Loranger announce that the BYC is having fireworks over the lake at dark on July 3. He said a Homeland Security guy with pyrotechnic certification will be setting them off on a barge next to the dock; and

- Heard Kollmeyer say the city hasn't had many complaints about neighborhood fireworks this year. She said the police officers carry a copy of the fireworks ordinance in each car.

Absent from the meeting were Mayor Pro Tem Jack Loria and Councilman Tom Fielder.



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Emergency blood shortage: Red Cross issues urgent call

An emergency blood shortage is prompting the American Red Cross to issue an urgent call for eligible donors of all blood types – especially type O – to give now and help save lives.

The Red Cross escalated its call for blood and platelet donors after a difficult

Independence Day week for donations. More than 550 fewer blood drives were organized by businesses and other community groups last week than during a typical week as individuals across the country celebrated the holiday and enjoyed summer activities. This could equate to as many as 15,000 fewer donations than needed, causing donations to now be distributed to hospitals faster than they come in.

"Each and every day, individuals across the country depend on blood and platelet donations for lifesaving treatments and emergency care, so it's critical that people donate now to meet these needs," said Cliff Numark, senior vice president, Red Cross Blood Services.

"Whether you've never donated or give a couple of times a year, you're needed to

give as soon as possible to help save patient lives. Yours may be the donation a patient is counting on."

This need is especially critical for type O blood donors. Type O is the most in-demand blood type and often the first to be depleted from hospital shelves during a shortage. Type O negative is the universal blood type and what emergency room personnel reach for when there is no time to determine the blood type of patients in the most serious situations. Type O positive is the most common blood type and can be transfused to Rh-positive patients of any blood type.

How to help

To schedule an appointment to donate, use the free [Red Cross Blood Donor App](#), visit [RedCrossBlood.org](#) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). The Red Cross has added about 6,500 additional appointment slots at donation centers and community blood drives across the country over the next few weeks to accommodate more donors. Donation appointments and completion of a [RapidPass](#) online health history questionnaire are encouraged to help reduce the time it takes to donate.

Who blood donations help

Because of generous donors, the Red Cross is able to provide blood products for patients like 9-month-old Krew Anderson. Krew is a happy, laid-back baby boy. His wide grin frames two tiny teeth. He likes to play with balloons and just experienced his first boat ride and fireworks show, but Krew has faced more challenges in the last four months than many people will experience in a lifetime.

In March, Krew was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia, a type of cancer that causes bone marrow to produce a large number of abnormal blood cells. Since then, he has gone through four rounds of chemotherapy and received 15 blood and platelet transfusions to date.

"The first time he got [a transfusion], I was just super nervous and didn't know really what was happening," said his

mother, Stephanie Anderson. "Now, when he gets one, I'm like, 'Yes, please, get him some blood to help him get more energy and back to normal.'"

Krew's father, Richard Anderson, donated blood a couple of times a year prior to his son's diagnosis, but after seeing Krew receive blood, he now plans to give as soon as he's eligible again.

"For me, just knowing that if it happened to me, it can happen to anyone. I want to make sure there's enough blood out there for everyone, and that there's no shortage," he said.

All donors needed now

Facing a decline of about 80,000 new Red Cross blood donors each year for the past several years, the Red Cross launched the Missing Types campaign in June to encourage new donors, and those who have not given recently, to donate blood. While the campaign has already inspired thousands of new donors to give, the Red Cross is now calling on *all* eligible blood and platelet donors to roll up a sleeve as soon as possible to overcome the emergency blood shortage.

Through the Missing Types campaign, which runs throughout the summer, the letters A, B and O – letters used to identify blood types – disappeared from corporate logos, celebrity social media accounts and favorite websites to illustrate the critical role every blood donor plays in ensuring blood is never missing from hospital shelves.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities

During the month of July, the following blood donation opportunities have been scheduled in the tri-community:

- Saturday, July 21 – Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Road, Van Buren Township, 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 24 – Grace Lake Corporate Center, 1 Village Lake Drive, Van Buren Township, 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.
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Upcoming Meetings

- Thursday, July 12 – Keystone Academy school board, 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
- Monday, July 16 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 17 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 18 – Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m.

Also, Van Buren Township Environmental Commission, 7 p.m.

- Thursday, July 19 – EPA and MDEQ public meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Van Buren Township Hall to discuss proposed new liner for Wayne Disposal landfill on the North I-94 Service Drive.
- Monday, July 23 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education meets at 7 p.m. at the Administration Building.
- Tuesday, July 24 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m., regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.

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This project is a new 31,401 SF ground up, 2-story library in downtown Belleville. Site Construction is currently underway.

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Bid Packs, Plans and Specifications are available electronically through Construction Manager, O'Neal Construction, Inc., 525 W. William, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. Questions call (734) 769-0770 or email: tgasser@onealconstruction.com

Refer to instructions to bidders regarding: All bids are due on Wednesday, 07/25/2018 @ 1:00 PM and will be opened publicly at this time. Bids are required to be in a sealed envelope delivered to: Belleville Area District Library, 167 Fourth St., Belleville, MI 48111

An optional bid walk-through on Tuesday, 07/10/2018 @ 2:00 PM will be held at the existing Belleville Area District Library, 167 Fourth St., Belleville, MI 48111

Publish: July 5, 2018; July 12, 2018

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

JULY BOARD OF REVIEW CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN

NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

The BOARD OF REVIEW of the Charter Township of Van Buren will meet at the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road on Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting will be:

- 1) To correct clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact;
- 2) Homestead exemption status; and
- 3) Poverty exemptions.

Any property owner who believes they qualify should call Van Buren Township Assessing Department at 734.699.8946 prior to July 17, 2018.

Leon Wright
Van Buren Charter Township

Post: July 1, 2018

Publish: July 5, 2018
July 12, 2018

City of Belleville Public Notice

Belleville Zoning Board of Appeals NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Belleville Zoning Board of Appeals will be holding a Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at the Belleville Municipal Building, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111 for the purpose of:

CONSIDERING A REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE OF CHAPTER 5, SECTION 5.8, FENCES & WALLS

Section 5.8 4.a.i. Residential Zoned Districts Height and Location – In a rear yard behind the rear line of the building a fence or wall shall not exceed six (6) feet in height. In a side yard behind the front line of the building, a fence or wall shall not exceed four (4) feet in height. No fence other than a decorative fence shall occupy a front yard.

Location: 70 Wexford Street ID # 31-087-01-0216-000

All interested parties are encouraged to attend. Comments may be given in person, or submitted in writing prior to the hearing. If you have any comments please call Belleville City Hall at 734-697-9323.

Sherri Scharf
City Clerk

Publish: 7-12-18

Sumpter Township Public Notice

SUMPTER TOWNSHIP 2018 JULY BOARD OF REVIEW

The Sumpter Township Board of Review will be conducting the 2018 July Board of Review and will convene in the Sumpter Township Hall at 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, Michigan 48111.

The regular Board of Review schedule is as follows:

July 17, 2018 at 3:30 PM

This is a correction Board of Review and will cover all clerical errors and mutual mistakes of fact during the meeting.

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act".

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Assessor's Office at (734) 467-6201.

Esther Hurst
Clerk
Sumpter Township

Posted: June 20, 2018
Publish: July 12, 2018

Romulus City residents complain about VBT landfill expansion

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Three residents spoke at the June 26 meeting of the Romulus City Council voicing their concerns about the expansion of the Waste Management landfill in Van Buren Township, across Hannan Road from their homes.

The golf course is being turned into an expansion of Woodland Meadows landfill and residents in Romulus worry about their property values and the air quality and wonder why no one told them about it before now.

A man who said he is a Westland property owner and bought two homes in The Commons subdivision, said 1,400 postcards were supposedly sent out from Waste Management for a June 8 public meeting by the county at the Van Buren Township Hall, but only 17 people came.

He said the nearby residents were not apprised of this big change that has been going on for 6-7 months and will affect everyone's way of living -- affecting

property values and air quality and bringing the landfill down to Ecorse Road.

"Something is wrong," he said.

A woman, one of the three Romulus residents who attended the meeting, said cards were sent out to Wayne, Canton, Romulus, and Van Buren Township.

Although more than 200 homes in Romulus are impacted by this expansion, no Romulus officials were there. She said one family said in the past they tried to sell their home on Hannan Road but their real estate agent said it couldn't be sold because of Woodland Meadows. Now, the landfill is expanding.

"Why weren't the residents of Romulus supported by the city council?" she asked, noting that she gave the postcard she received to someone at city hall.

She said there are more than 200 homes impacted, most in The Commons, and she lives a half-mile away.

"You want to take our money, but not support us when something big like that happens," she concluded.

"I was with Jen at the meeting in Van Buren Township," another woman stated. "It's a done-deal now. Romulus wasn't informed. I find that very disappointing. Our taxes go up. Jen gave the postcard to the city. Three of us were at the meeting and no city officials were there."

"We couldn't come if we didn't know," said a councilwoman.

Mayor LeRoy Burcroff asked about a card left at city hall that he did not see. He asked if it was a MDEQ forum.

Councilwoman Tina Talley said she was

offended that the speakers suggested the council didn't care.

"If people knew, there would have been representatives at the meeting," she said.

Councilwoman Eva Webb said, "Residents have a right to ask questions and get answers... We're not here to be deaf mutes. We did not receive any information on Waste Management and Woodland Meadows and thank you for coming and informing us."

She referred to the council's policy of letting the public speak and then having the mayor answer their questions at the end of the meeting.

"A resident comes up and we can't answer them?" Councilwoman Webb said. "Whenever it changed, it has to be changed back."

Mayor Burcroff said the rule was set by

council, with him answering the questions under "Unfinished Business."

Councilwoman Virginia Williams apologized for not knowing, so they all can become involved and be active. "Your office wasn't notified, either," she said to the mayor.

"I didn't get that notice," Mayor Burcroff said.

Councilwoman Williams said the rule of not speaking back to people is now a moot issue because, "We will answer."

Councilwoman Kathleen Abdo said if something is happening on the Romulus border council members really need to know.

"I was offended," said Councilwoman Talley. "I'm passionate about my city. ... We're not up here to lie. ... I don't mean to offend you."

St. Anthony Men's Club sets golf outing for July 15 at Fellows Creek

The St. Anthony Men's Club has set a golf outing for Sunday, July 15, at Fellows Creek Golf Club, 2936 Lotz Road, Canton Township.

Entry fee is \$70 per golfer which includes 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch at the turn and beverage, and All-American lunch buffet and awards at the end.

Registration is from 8 to 8:30 a.m., with a 9 a.m. modified shotgun start. The awards, dinner, raffle, and drawings are at 2 p.m.

This event will help to support the work the Men's Club does in the community. Among the groups the Men's Club has supported in the past and continue to support are the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, St. Anthony Youth Group and C.C.D., Belleville Area Little League, Belleville High School sports, Friends of Belleville

Area District Library, CROP Walk, St. Vincent DePaul, CYO sports, and others.

Make checks out to St. Anthony Men's Club and send with name and email/phone contact to Ted Wisniewski, 40501 I-94 S. Service Dr., Belleville, MI 48111.

Call (734) 788-3266 with questions or email twisniewski@demmer.com or Tedw6262@comcast.net.

Sumpter Township's three air conditioning units fail in high heat

The three air conditioning units at Sumpter Township Hall failed in this week's high temperatures and now all three are being replaced.

Sumpter Finance Director Scott Holtz told the board on Tuesday that the three AC units have broken down and are not repairable. Also, the current furnaces are 15 years old and additional work would need to be completed to make the air conditioning work with the current air handling system.

The board approved three new AC units and three new furnaces, plus any additional parts and labor at a cost of \$18,718.

This item was not budgeted and so there will have to be a transfer from the landfill royalty account to fund this expense, which was approved by the board.

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 364 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for the past week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, July 1:

0027 – fireworks, Lakeview Ct.
0127 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
0133 – noise complaint, E. Archwood Dr.
0456 – suicidal person, Stratford Dr.
1248 – malicious destruction of property, Outer Dr.
1421 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
1537 – family trouble, Oak Ln.
1609 – animal complaint, Quirk Park
1615 – lost property/child, Belleville Rd.
1721 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rogers Ave.
1803 – disorderly, Ash Dr.
1901 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Huron River
1959 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2015 – breaking & entering, W. Adams
2035 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2158 – 911 welfare check, Parkside Dr.
2201 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service
2233 – fireworks, Pond Ridge Dr.
2252 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Woodbury

Monday, July 2:

0012 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Blvd.
0043 – domestic, S. Bellridge Dr.
0634 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Parkwood Dr.
0650 – disorderly, Parkwood
0949 – civil matter, Assembly St.
1038 – assist citizen, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1137 – private property impound, Lake Villa Dr.
1201 – larceny, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1253 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1308 – larceny from auto, Woodbury Dr.
1313 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1317 – ordinance violation, Haggerty Rd.
1506 – threat, Tyler Rd.
1756 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
1837 – warrant arrest, Carmell
1917 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville/Tyler
2049 – civil matter, Rawsonville Rd.
2053 – sex offender registration, Parkside Dr.
2222 – civil matter, S. Ponderosa Trl./Belleville
2307 – threat, Belleville Rd.

Tuesday, July 3:

0009 – harassment call, Savage Rd.
0039 – assist other dept., Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd.
0753 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1020 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
1045 – malicious destruction of property, Maple
1303 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / Tyler Rd.
1431 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1555 – personal injury accident, Belleville/Yost
1954 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.
2037 – property damage accident, Woodbury Dr.
2042 – assist other dept., Church/Henry
2059 – threat, Pond Ridge Ln.
2124 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
2238 – civil matter, Monterey Dr.
2308 – domestic, Victoria St.
2311 – domestic, Lake Villa Dr.

Wednesday, July 4:

0034 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
0332 – lost property/child, Haggerty/I-94
1114 – assist other dept., Colonial Rd.
1137 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1139 – sexual assault, Tyler Rd.
1147 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1212 – 911 welfare check, Meadows Cir.
1309 – civil matter, Hardwood Dr.
1316 – 911 welfare check, Anna Dr.
1442 – breaking & entering, Lighthouse Dr.
1716 – property damage accident, Tyler/Hannan
1750 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1814 – 911 welfare check, Denton Rd.
1830 – miscellaneous complaint, Amanda Dr.
1856 – traffic offense, Hull Rd./Elwell Rd.
1915 – trespassing, Ecorse Rd.
1917 – fireworks, N. I-94 Service Dr./Quirk Rd.
1924 – traffic offense, Monterey Dr.

1941 – disorderly, E. Huron River Dr.
1955 – traffic offense, Ryznar Dr.
2010 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lighthouse Dr.
2158 – fireworks, Riggs Rd./Renton Rd.
2253 – operating while intoxicated, Bemis Rd. / Sumpter Rd.
2302 – operating while intoxicated, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
2321 – assault & battery, Paloma Dr.
2354 – fireworks, Parkwood Dr.

Thursday, July 5:

0043 – property damage accident, Belleville/WB I-94
0102 – domestic, W. Huron River Dr.
0304 – disorderly, Outer Dr.
0940 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1010 – private property impound, Ecorse Rd.
1028 – domestic, Rawsonville
1046 – suicidal person, Denton Rd.
1218 – harassment call, Basswood Cir.
1255 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave./Rawsonville Rd.
1429 – larceny, Mantauk Ct.
1446 – malicious destruction of property, Brookside Dr.
1606 – abandoned auto, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1620 – traffic offense, Harbour Pointe Dr./W. Huron River Dr.
1703 – suicidal person, Truman
1709 – 911 welfare check, Village Green Ln.
1718 – mental subject, Sylvia Dr.
1729 – assault & battery, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1804 – malicious destruction of property, Hardwood Dr.
2012 – animal complaint, Harmony Ln.
2052 – narcotics crime, S. Bellridge Dr.
2058 – larceny, Hannan Rd.
2111 – animal complaint, Harmony Ln./S. I-94 Service Dr.
2133 – family trouble, Morton Taylor Rd.
2252 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Archwood Dr.
2300 – family trouble, Sylvia Dr.
2345 – larceny, Parkwood Dr.

Friday, July 6:

0020 – 911 welfare check, Spruce Ln.
0233 – animal complaint, Hampton Dr.
0642 – personal injury accident, Ecorse Rd.
1051 – suspicious person/vehicle, Fret Rd.
1144 – private property impound, Ecorse Rd.
1346 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.
1429 – disorderly, Belleville/Quirk
1633 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Rawsonville Rd.
1640 – animal complaint, Savage Rd./Wildbrook
1652 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd.
1701 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
1712 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
1757 – traffic offense, Andover Dr./Tyler Rd.
1849 – civil matter, Lohr
1910 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
2000 – assist fire dept., Parkwood Dr.
2037 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.
2141 – traffic offense, Dalton Dr./Madison Dr.
2156 – juvenile complaint, Parkwood Dr.
2204 – fireworks, Country Walk Blvd./Savage Rd.
2203 – suicidal person, Maurice Dr.
2225 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
2257 – fireworks, Tompkins St./Fairbanks St.

Saturday, July 7:

0043 – civil matter, S. Bellridge Dr.
0317 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
0941 – animal complaint, W. Huron River Dr./Hoefl Rd.
1016 – noise complaint, W. Huron River Dr.
1046 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1220 – fraud, Bemis Rd.
1314 – lake emergencies, E. Huron River Dr.
1317 – family trouble, Peachtree Ln.
1403 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1404 – domestic, Denton Rd.
1414 – civil matter, Anna Dr.
1854 – motorist assist, Haggerty Rd./Ecorse Rd.
1926 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd./S. Grove Rd.
2023 – property damage accident, Borgman Ave.
2045 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.
2103 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse/Beck
2113 – assist other dept., Tyler Rd.
2138 – domestic, Lake Villa Dr.

2148 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
2159 – harassment call, S. Belleridge Dr.
2212 – juvenile complaint, Independence Ln.
2307 – fireworks, E. Huron River Dr./Martinsville
2308 – fireworks, Kent Ln./Fairfield Dr.
2318 – fireworks, North Shore Dr.

This week's log has 84 traffic stops, 18 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, July 1:

0336 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belle Villa Blvd.
0352 – noise complaint, Church St.
1046 – hospice death, Menlo Park Dr.
1110 – assist other dept., Charles St.
1242 – assist fire dept., South St.
1939 – 911 welfare check, Carmell St.
2149 – suspicious person/vehicle, Potter Dr.
2322 – assist other dept., Fenster

Monday, July 2:

1000 – 911 welfare check, Charles St.
1119 – assist fire dept., Fourth St.
1147 – property damage accident, Main St.
1406 – miscellaneous complaint, E. Huron River
1809 – domestic, Carmell St.
1826 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1852 – civil matter, South St.
2247 – parking complaint, Carmell St.

Tuesday, July 3:

1208 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr./S. Liberty St.
1643 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
1743 – noise complaint, Loza Ln.
1750 – domestic, Loza Ln./E. Huron River Dr.
1805 – civil matter, Huron River Dr.
2040 – suspicious person/vehicle, Church/Henry

Wednesday, July 4:

0016 – fight, Main St.
0244 – all 4100 micr codes, Main St.
0910 – civil matter, Loza Ln.
1645 – property check, Horizon Park
1733 – parking complaint, Victoria Commons

Thursday, July 5:

0104 – suspicious person/vehicle, Santa Clara St.
0245 – suspicious person/vehicle, High St.
0722 – ordinance violation, Victorian Ct.
1053 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, South St.
1430 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter Rd.
1631 – parking complaint, Huron River Dr.
1644 – animal complaint, Main St.
1849 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belle Villa Blvd.
2050 – civil matter, Loza Ln.

Friday, July 6:

0903 – property damage accident, South St.
1302 – property damage accident, Main St.
1328 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
1541 – animal complaint, Main St.
2228 – suspicious person/vehicle, Village Park
2331 – suspicious person/vehicle, 5 Points

Saturday, July 7:

1247 – civil matter, Carmell St.
1357 – welfare check, S. Liberty St.
1436 – warrant arrest, Rawsonville Mobil
1959 – welfare check, E. Thornhill Ct.
2023 – suspicious person/vehicle, Victorian Ln.
2113 – animal complaint, Astor
2252 – fireworks, Brain St./High St.

Also on this week's log are 50 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, July 1:

0021 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Clark Rd.
0021 – shots fired, 22000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
0815 – civil dispute, 18000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1216 – death investigation, 20000 bl. Sherwood
1451 – reckless driver, Haggerty/Bemis
2243 – personal injury accident, Judd/Martinsville

Monday, July 2:

1042 – suspicious incident, 46000 bl. Bontekoe
1212 – suspicious vehicle, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
1355 – 911 hang up, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1713 – suspicious incident, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1723 – alarm, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.

1752 – subpoena service, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
2041 – civil dispute, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.

Tuesday, July 3:

0037 – alarm, 8500 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0608 – suspicious incident, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0756 – traffic hazard, Sumpter/Willis
0850 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.
0952 – threats complaint, 39000 bl. Judd Rd.
0957 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
1332 – well-being check, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1442 – wires down, Willis/Haggerty
1503 – property damage accident, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.

1507 – 911 hang up, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1517 – alarm, 46000 bl. Weimer Dr.
1642 – civil dispute, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.
1715 – suspicious incident, 41000 bl. Willow Rd.
2049 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township

Wednesday, July 4:

0002 – fire dept. assist, Third St.
0237 – alarm, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
0347 – juvenile complaint, Sumpter/Harris
0815 – civil dispute, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
1144 – citizen assist, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1245 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.
1304 – neighbor dispute, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
2225 – fireworks complaint, 12000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

2311 – assist other agency, out of township

Thursday, July 5:

0728 – suspicious person, Willis/Martinsville
1122 – malicious destruction of property, 20000 bl. Elwell Rd.

1136 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Judd

1200 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1218 – 911 hang up, Delaware
1306 – fraud complaint, Edgewood
1411 – animal complaint, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1509 – suspicious incident, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
1526 – suspicious incident, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
1654 – 911 hang up, Greenmeadow

Friday, July 6:

0638 – suspicious incident, Pecan
0757 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.
0841 – traffic hazard, Rawsonville/Judd
1229 – fire dept. assist, Redwood
1331 – neighbor dispute, 19000 bl. Martinsville
1518 – animal complaint, 45000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1712 – fire dept. assist, Texas
1801 – civil dispute, Redwood
1826 – subpoena service, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
2108 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Arkona Rd.
2244 – fireworks complaint, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

2246 – fireworks complaint, Wear/Sherwood
2307 – fireworks complaint, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
2346 – ordinance violation, Redwood

Saturday, July 7:

0002 – assist other agency, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.
0006 – family trouble, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.
0006 – family trouble, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.
0034 – suspicious vehicle, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0930 – civil dispute, 21000 bl. Fenster
0941 – reckless driver, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0955 – citizen assist, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.
1042 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.
1323 – suspicious incident, 49000 bl. Judd Rd.
1407 – assist other agency, out of township
1534 – shots fired, 22000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1542 – citizen assist, 22000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1604 – alarm, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1723 – assist other agency, 12000 bl. Rawsonville
1748 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1749 – subpoena service, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
1846 – alarm, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1944 – assist other agency, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.
2032 – alarm, 19000 bl. Lohr Rd.
2107 – civil dispute, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
2150 – family trouble, Wayside Dr.
2156 – ORV complaint, 50000 bl. Wear Rd.
2228 – fireworks complaint, 46000 bl. Arkona Rd.
2239 – fireworks complaints, Wear/Sherwood

Also on this week's log are six follow-up investigations, 25 miscellaneous details, 54 patrol checks, and 26 traffic stops.

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Belleville sailor continues 75 years of Seabee tradition

"We Build, We Fight" has been the motto of the U. S. Navy's Construction Force, known as the "Seabees," for the past 75 years.

Belleville native and 1996 Belleville High School graduate Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Jason Basham builds and fights around the world as a member of a naval construction battalion center located in Gulfport, Mississippi.

Basham works as a construction mechanic which is responsible for instructing and teaching diesel and power trains and chase and automotive AC, crane classes.

The jobs of some of the Seabees today

have remained unchanged since World War II, when the Seabees paved the 10,000-mile road to victory for the allies in the Pacific and in Europe, according to Lara Godbille, director of the U. S. Navy Seabee Museum.

"I had a couple of buddies that were joining the Navy and they motivated me to go and we went to MEPS and I got in," said Basham.

For the past 75 years Seabees have served in all American conflicts. They have also supported humanitarian efforts using their construction skills to help communities around the world. They aid following earthquakes, hurricanes and other natural



Navy Petty Officer 1st Class
Jason Basham

they're in good hands."

According to Saum the Sailors who make up Seabee battalions are very driven and accomplished individuals.

"My most humbling deployment was in response to the earthquake in Port au Prince, Haiti," said Basham. "We were part of the first responders. I received a Navy Commendation medal for providing humanitarian assistance."

Serving in the Navy allows people to create a legacy for the next generation.

"Serving in the Navy means a lot to me, it is not something I thought I was going to do in life and I am so glad I did," added Basham. "I enjoy the structure and camaraderie of the Navy."

*Written by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Sawyer Juarez, Navy Office of Community Outreach
Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Tom Gagnier*

Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue set calendar of events

July:

14 – Golf outing fund raiser, Ypsilanti

14 – Saline Celtic Festival, Saline

14 – Meet and Greet at Pet Emporium, Ann Arbor

21 – Meet and Greet at Petco, Westland

22 – Meet and Greet at Pet Value, Milan

29 – Tentative Christmas in July event, Belleville

August:

11 – Meet and Greet at Pet Emporium, Ann Arbor

18 – Meet and Greet at Petco, Westland

25 – Meet and Greet at Pet Value, Milan

September:

8 – Meet and Greet at Pet Emporium, Ann Arbor

15 – Meet and Greet at Petco, Westland

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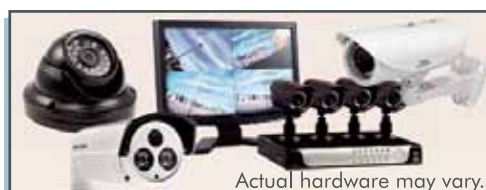
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